

Sisters' S. C. E.

FROM THE PRESIDENT.

At my last writing, I was at North Georgetown, and now I am at West Independence, I have visited Middle Branch, Louisville, Fair Haven, Homer, North Liberty, Ankneytown, Buckeye City, Glenford, and Mt. Zion. I also stopped one night in Ashland visiting in Brother Gnagey's and Brother Keim's homes in the Boarding Hall. It was a quiet restful evening to me. I was glad to find the S. S. C. E. at work that afternoon and evening, and to learn that they are prospering so nicely. Dr. Worst, and the Publishing house afford them plenty of work, more even than they can accomplish. We wish the same opportunities were afforded to some others of our societies who are so willing to work, but who are located where not so much work is open to them.

I have only one new organization to report this time, that at the Mt. Zion church, Needmore, Hocking Co., O. We organized there with fourteen members, with sister Jennie Palmer as President. That was my first visit to that church. I found a very pleasant and hospitable people, and in spite of the very bad roads, a good attendance. On Saturday night, we had the pleasure of seeing a young brother accept Christ, a brother in the flesh of our ministerial brethren J. H. Palmer, and Daniel Palmer.

Homer church now has an active Sister's Society, but we regret that it has not yet accepted the S. S. C. E. constitution. We regret this all the more, because, while some of them are in sympathy with the purposes of the S. S. C. E., and in favor of contributing to the support of the Theological department of the College they exclude themselves from the privileges of the Sister's sessions of the Conferences, because organized under a different constitution. We believe however, that it is only a question of a little time, until they will fall into line, and form one link in an unbroken chain joining in one large circle, all the churches in the brotherhood. What a glad day that will be, when all our churches shall be of one mind and one heart, when our sisters shall all be organized under one constitution, with one common purpose, bearing one common name, and our young people no longer organized under the different names of K. C., Y. P. S. C. E., K. C. of C. E., but all one in name as they are now in purpose.

At the other points I visited, I found some of the societies doing only fairly well, and some doing very well. There is no real cause for discouragement, for

those doing only fairly well are in the minority, and they express a hope of more healthful activity in the future. The most discouraging feature of my work has been the unfavorable weather, preventing as good attendance at church services as we would otherwise have, and also lessening the financial assistance. In spite of small congregations sometimes, and in spite of scarcity of money, my collections have exceeded expenses.

At Ankneytown, we were called upon to conduct the funeral services of the baby daughter of brother and sister Frank Garber. This we have always found the hardest work of the ministry, especially when the bereaved ones are those we have learned to love.

How hard it is for the mother to see her precious little bud laid away, but O, what a bright side to the sorrow! Through the cloud, what a bright ray of light shines! Not dead, but gone with the angels, gathered up into the arms of Christ, forever safely sheltered in the heavenly fold. Look up, father, look up, mother, heaven is your darling's home, and if faithful, you shall meet it again, "Some sweet day, by and by."

A few days ago, we sent out the remittance blanks to the societies. Two or three societies will not receive blanks, because we have never been able to learn the names of any of their officers. We hope they will send in their dues without blanks or else send us the names of their presidents. Please remit promptly by April 1. The blanks will reach even the most remote societies so early this time, that there will be no excuse for tardiness.

With this communication we will send another S. S. C. E. program. We hope the societies as much as possible will use these programs. We should like to hear through the EVANGELIST from those societies, that use them. Are they helpful to you? Can you make suggestions by which we may make them more helpful? How many of the societies would be willing to pay a small amount, five cents a month, or ten cents a quarter to receive these programs on separate slips of paper, for distribution in the society? It would add much to the interest of the meeting, to have a number of copies of the program for the members, and after the type has been set for the EVANGELIST, it would not cost much to print a number of slips. Shall we hear from you in this?

To-morrow, I expect to go to the Bethesda church, near Pioneer, Williams Co., to begin a protracted meeting, after which I shall take up the S. S. C. E. work again.

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PROGRAM FOR S. S. C. E. FOR MARCH.

Song.

Concert Reading. The Beatitudes. Matt. 5: 1-12.

Song.—Prayer.—Song.

Scripture Recitation. Psalm 1.

Secretary's Report.

Treasurer's Report.

Roll Call with Scripture Responses from Book of Revelations. (Commit verse to memory if possible.)

Song.

1. What has Christ done for us?

(a.) He has given His life for us. Matt. 20: 28; St. John 6: 51; 10: 11-15; Gal. 1: 4; 2: 20; Eph. 5: 2; I Tim. 2: 6; Titus 2: 14.

(b.) He has given us spiritual life. St. John 5: 24; 6: 47-54; 8: 12; 10: 12; Eph. 2: 1; Col. 2: 13.

(c.) He has provided for us everlasting life. St. John 3: 16; 4: 14; 6: 35-58; James 1: 12; II Tim. 4: 8; Rev. 2: 10.

(d.) He has prepared for us a home. St. John 14: 2; 12: 26; 13: 36; 17: 24; I Thess. 4: 17.

(e.) He has promised us rest. Jer. 6: 16; Matt. 11: 28-30; Heb. 4: 9. Song. (I gave my life for Thee.)

2. What can I do for Christ?

(a.) Give my heart to love and serve Him. Matt. 22: 37; Deut. 6: 5; 10: 12; 11: 13; Josh. 22: 5.

(b.) Minister to Him by ministering to others. Isaiah 58: 6, 7; Deut. 15: 10, 11; Prov. 19: 17; Mark 14: 7; Heb. 13: 2; III John 5; Matt. 10: 42.

(c.) Tell the story of salvation. Matt. 28: 7-10; 19: 20; Mark 16: 15; Rom. 10: 15.

(d.) Give of my means to Him and His cause. II Cor. 9: 6, 7; I Cor. 16: 2; St. Luke 6: 38; Deut. 16: 17.

Song.

Offering.

Doxology and Lord's Prayer.

How unaccommodating the Bible is to the curious! The narrative always stops at the point curiosity begins. Why are we not told what the young man who was raised from the dead and began to speak, said? Did he speak of the spirit land from which he had just returned, and if so, why are we not told what he saw there? But the omission is not an oversight. The answer is: The Bible is not a book of knowledge, but a book of wisdom. It is not written for those who want merely to know, but for those who want to know that they may do.—*Bible Reader.*